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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Corning Painter  
Chief Executive Officer  
Orion Engineered Carbons LLC  
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Dear Mr. Painter:

Your December 4, 2020 Seventh Supplemental Update to your Notice of Intent to Assert Claim of Force Majeure in *United States et al. v. Orion Engineered Carbons, LLC*, No. 6:17-cv-01660 (W.D. La. June 8, 2018) requests an extension for Orion's next submittal from January 1, 2021 to January 15, 2021. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has consulted with the Department of Justice and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. We grant an extension to January 8, 2020 with the understanding that the next update will be provided on the original schedule and not four weeks after January 8, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Please feel free to contact me or Kellie Ortega (ortega.kellie@epa.gov) to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely yours,

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